

practice:

wksht 1.3A

1. Suppose the average (mean) price of gas in a large city is \$1.80 per gallon with a standard deviation of \$0.05.

a. Convert \$1.90 and \$1.65 to z-scores.

$$z = -3$$

$$N(1.80, 0.05)$$

$$z = 2$$

b. Convert the following z-scores back into actual values: 1.80 and -1.60.

$$1.80 = \frac{x - 1.8}{0.05}$$

$$x = \$1.89$$

$$-1.6 = \frac{x - 1.8}{0.05}$$

$$x = \$1.72$$

2. Suppose the attendance at movie theater averages 780 with a standard deviation of 40.

a. An attendance of 835 equals a z-score of:

$$N(780, 40)$$

$$z = 1.375$$

b. A z-score of -2.15 corresponds to an attendance of:

$$-2.15 = \frac{x - 780}{40}$$

$$x = 694$$

3. A packing machine is set to fill a cardboard box with a mean of 16.1 ounces of cereal. Suppose the amounts per box form a normal distribution with a standard deviation equal to 0.04 ounce.

a. What percentage of the boxes will end up with at least 1 pound of cereal?

$$N(16.1, 0.04)$$

$$P(X > 16) = \text{normalcdf}(16, 99, 16.1, 0.04) = 0.9938$$

b. Ten percent of the boxes will contain less than what number of ounces?



$$P(X < L) = 0.10$$

$$L = \text{invnorm}(0.10, 16.1, 0.04)$$

c. Eighty percent of the boxes will contain more than what number of ounces?

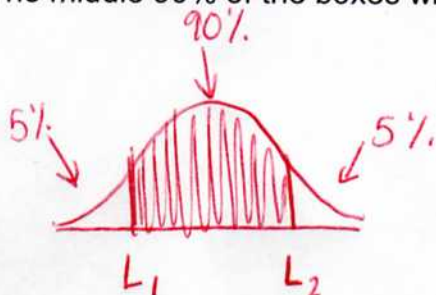


$$P(X < L) = 0.20$$

$$L = \text{invnorm}(0.2, 16.1, 0.04)$$

$$= 16.049 \text{ oz}$$

d. The middle 90% of the boxes will be between what two weights?

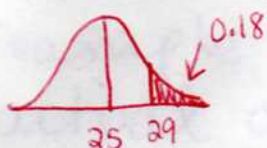


$$L_1 = \text{invnorm}(0.05, 16.1, 0.04) = 16.034 \text{ oz}$$

$$L_2 = \text{invnorm}(0.95, 16.1, 0.04) = 16.166 \text{ oz}$$

$$P(L_1 < X < L_2) = 0.9$$

4. Given a normal distribution with a mean of 25, what is the standard deviation if 18% of the values are above 29?



$$z\text{-score for } 29 : \text{invnorm}(0.82, 0, 1) = 0.9154$$

$$0.9154 = \frac{29 - 25}{\sigma}$$

$$\sigma = 4.37$$

5. The life expectancy of wood bats is normally distributed with a mean of 60 days and a standard deviation of 17 days.

$$N(60, 17)$$

- a. What is the probability that a randomly chosen bat will last at least 60 days?

$$P(X > 60) = 0.50$$

*60 is the mean

- b. What percentage of bats will last between 40 and 80 days?

$$P(40 < X < 80) = 0.761$$

$$\text{normalcdf}(40, 80, 60, 17)$$

- c. What is the probability that a bat will break during the first month? (30 days)

$$P(X < 30) = \cancel{0.0388} \quad 0.0388$$

$$\text{normalcdf}(-E99, 30, 60, 17)$$

6. Given a normal distribution with a standard deviation of 15, find μ if 15% of the values fall above 80.



$$z\text{-score for } 80 : \text{invnorm}(0.85, 0, 1) = 1.036$$

$$1.036 = \frac{80 - \mu}{15}$$

$$\mu = 64.46$$